IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
	: Examiner: B. K. Talbot
MICHINORI SHINKAI, ET AL.)
	: Group Art Unit: 1715
Application No.: 10/582,920)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits and in response to the final Office Action dated March 8, 2010, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows: